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1. [] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING Escorted Neil Newhouse, on the staff of the House Republican Wednesday Group, to a meeting with [] OER, and [] OCI, on the subject of Canadian trade.

2. [] LIAISON Received a call from Paul Hoff, on the Senate Government Operations Committee staff, who said he was preparing for a meeting with Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), Chairman of the Committee. Hoff wondered if a decision had been made on the Director's testimony in late January on the subject of congressional oversight. He emphasized the Committee's desire to have Mr. Colby testify regardless of the status of Ambassador Bush's nomination. I told him a decision had not yet been made, but that I would press for a quick one.

3. [] LEGISLATION Received a call from Ted Dobbs, Congressional Relations at the State Department, who informed me that the House International Relations Committee had agreed on an amendment by Representative Dante Fascell (D., Fla.) putting conditions on any U.S. aid to Angola.

4. [] LIAISON Called Jack Brady, House International Relations Committee staff, and received details regarding the information he had requested on covert action earlier from Mr. Cary. I arranged to deliver the material to Brady within the next few days.

5. [] INTEL BRIEFINGS ON CHINA/ANGOLA I accompanied [] OCI, [] OCI, and [] OGCR, to brief Congresswomen Margaret Heckler (R., Mass.), Lindy Boggs (D., La.), Yvonne Burke (D., Calif.), Patricia Schroeder (D., Colo.), Gladys Spellman (D., Md.), Elizabeth Holtzman (D., N.Y.), Millicent Fenwick (R., N.J.), and Helen Meyner (D., N.Y.) on Angola and China. The foregoing are members of the women's congressional delegation that will visit China from 26 December 1975 to 10 January 1976. Copies of China Atlas, fact sheet on China and paper on women in China were distributed. The briefing went very well.

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9. [redacted] INTEL BRIEFINGS (ANGOLA) I accompanied [redacted] OCI and [redacted] OCI to provide a briefing to Congressman Robert L. Leggett (D., Calif.) on Angola. His interest was the balance of forces involved in the fighting and the stakes for the various sides of the conflict. He asked about U.S. involvement but backed off when we explained we were not prepared to talk about that subject.

10. [redacted] ADMINISTRATIVE Received a call from Frances Miko, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, who said he had a request from a congressman asking for information on political prisoners in Soviet jails. He said in February 1974, Bernard Gwertzman of the New York Times had an article which quoted a "CIA estimate" stating there were 2 1/2 million people in jail. The member (unidentified) would like to know how we arrived at that estimate. [redacted] is handling this request.

11. [redacted] ADMINISTRATIVE Evelyn, Secretary to Rob Roy Ratliff, NSC staff, called to point out a mistake in [redacted] statement before the House Select Committee on 9 December. There is a reference to Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act and it is mistakenly listed as Section 663. I thanked her for pointing this out and reported this to [redacted] office.

12. [redacted] LIAISON Jack Brady, House International Relations staff, called concerning the amendment Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) introduced which would drop all the language of Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act. He said this would put us out of the covert action business all together. I told him Representative Elizabeth Holtzman (D., N. Y.) tried this last year and lost. I said the Director feels strongly that the U.S. has to maintain some capability.

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GEORGE L. CARY
Legislative Counsel

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12. [] LIAISON Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and provided him material on covert action, including the pages from the budget presentation depicting the declining allocation of resources for these activities and the Director's description of covert action as contained in his prepared statement for the House Select Committee on 23 October 1975. Talking points relating to Angola were provided later in the day.

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13. [] LIAISON In the absence of [] took a call from Charles Snodgrass, House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee staff, who asked if I could provide him with the dates that the Subcommittee had been briefed on Presidential findings. I provided Snodgrass with the information.

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14. [] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING Accompanied the Director to a briefing of the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the subject of covert actions. (See Memo for the Record.)

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15. [] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING Accompanied the Director to a briefing of the full Senate Appropriations Committee on the Middle East. (See Memo for the Record.)

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16. [] LIAISON Charles Snodgrass, staff of House Appropriations Committee, called and said he needed some papers on the legality for having a Reserve fund, a rebuttal to claims by members of the House International Relations Committee that under Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act we do, in fact, have to give prior notification and that we are in violation of the law, and what is our legal rationale for returning regular unobligated funds to the Reserve account. I told him we would get some material to him.

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17. [] LIAISON Dora Carter, Public Affairs Office, Department of State, called and asked for a listing of the Director's briefings of the House and Senate committees on Angola. We made arrangements to provide the information to the NSC staff. State Department will contact them.

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18. [] BRIEFING Ed Kenney, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called and said Senator Strom Thurmond (R., S.C.) would like a briefing at 12:00 on Angola. Kenney asked why the Senator had not been briefed on this before and I told him there had been a briefing of the CIA Subcommittee but the Senator did not attend. Arrangements were made for [] to brief the Senator.

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10. [] LEGISLATION Called Dave McClintock, Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, Department of State, regarding the Department's position on the Clark amendment to ban covert U.S. aid to Angola. McClintock's name was given me by Sheridan Brinley, AID. McClintock referred me to other State Department officials, but I was not able to reach any of the men he said could help me.

11. [] LEGISLATION Sheridan Brinley, in the Office of Legislative Affairs at AID, called to inform me that neither the House International Relations Committee nor the Senate Foreign Relations Committee had yet taken action on amendments to limit covert U.S. aid to Angola.

12. [] LIAISON [] Central Cover Staff, called to alert me to the following problem. Someone on Senator Charles Percy's (R., Ill.) staff was making inquiries concerning an Agency unit in []. He had asked [] for information on the unit's activities. I called Scott Cohen, on Percy's staff, who told me the individual involved was Howard Marks, on the Senate Government Operation's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations' Minority Staff. I then spoke with Howard Feldman, Chief Counsel to the Subcommittee, who recommended that the best way to handle this was to raise the matter with Stuart Statler, the ranking staff member on the minority side of the Subcommittee. [] will speak with Statler concerning Agency interests.

13. [] LIAISON Took a call from Richard Grimmett, in CRS at the Library of Congress, who told me that he and John M. Collins would be back in touch with us when they are ready to come out to review Agency material on the KGB. The Office of Security has verified Grimmett's and Collins' top secret clearances.

14. [] CONSTITUENT Pat Prediger, from Representative B. F. Sisk's (D., Calif.) office, requested a photograph of the Director for a constituent suitable for framing. I have arranged for the Director to sign a photograph which will be forwarded to the Congressman's office.

15. [] LIAISON [] OCI and I met with Dorothy Fosdick, staff of Senate Government Operations Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, for a briefing on Soviet infiltration in Africa. (Sec Memo for Record.)

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17. [] BRIEFING Bill Hogan, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called and requested whether there would be a transcript for the Director's briefing on Angola tomorrow of the House Armed Services Special Subcommittee on Intelligence, Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.). I confirmed the meeting time and place and informed him there would be no transcript.

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18. [] HEARING Called Duke Short, Senior Investigator, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security, and informed him that the Agency had no objection to his preliminary interview of [] to determine if they want to set a hearing with Senator Strom Thurmond (R., S. Car.). [] name came up as a possible witness during Short's interviews with [] Short will meet [] this afternoon together with DDO representatives at a safe meeting place in the Washington area. Short will advise me as to whether they wish to set up a formal hearing.

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19. [] CONSTITUENT Called Joyce Stevens in Representative George Hansen's (R., Idaho) office, in response to her earlier call requesting on behalf of a constituent Agency material on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I informed Stevens that certain Agency material had been declassified and she should advise the constituent to write directly to the Agency's Freedom of Information Coordinator and I gave her the proper address.

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20. [] LIAISON FOIA After checking with [] [], C/IPS, I called Walt Sheridan, Chief Investigator, Subcommittee on Administrative Practice & Procedure, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and told him we were a bit behind on the [] FOIA request. I added, we had been in touch with the [] family lawyer this year on the matter and expected to respond fully within a week or so.

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21. [] INTEL BRIEFINGS - USSR CW I called George Berdes, Consultant, Subcommittee on International Security and Scientific Affairs, House Committee on International Relations, on his follow-on request for information on multi-spectral scanning to advise him on the gist of Paragraphs 3 and 4 of ORD Memo (ORD: 5118-75, 3 December 1975). Berdes was appreciative and asked for a written note.

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25X1 6. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Called Hilda Schreiber, OMB, to make sure the White House had not yet ordered the legislation eliminating the one percent bonus from the CIARDS system to be sent to Congress. She said OMB was still waiting for the White House order and she would let me know as soon as she received it.

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I dropped off with Tom Smeeton, on the staff of the House International Relations Committee, [REDACTED]

25X1B [REDACTED] He mentioned that Representative William Broomfield (R., Mich.) was still interested in a briefing on the situation in Lebanon but that they had not been able to find a time when it might take place. We discussed the Committee's procedures for handling classified information and briefings and he said that he was in agreement with Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff of the Committee, that there should be some control over such matters. Smeeton said he would see to it that any requests handled by him would be discussed with Czarnecki in advance.

25X1 8. [REDACTED] BRIEFING I met with Representative Dale Milford (D., Texas) to brief him on follow-up questions to the briefing by Admiral Donald Showers, IC Staff, on 3 December. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 25X1A 9. [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING I accompanied [REDACTED] all of OCI, to a briefing of Representative Dante B. Fascell (D., Fla.) and others in his office at 1600 hours, 10 December, on the situation in Angola. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 10. [REDACTED] BRIEFING I met with Representative Charles A. Vanik (D., Ohio), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight, House Ways and Means Committee, to brief him on Agency actions with regard to the questionnaire the Subcommittee had sent out asking for information relative to Agency needs for taxpayer information from the IRS. See Memorandum for the Record.

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